

I Am CDC: Brianna Skinner

[Brianna Skinner] I've been with CDC for close to seven years. I have a doctor of veterinary medicine. I'm within the national center of emerging, zoonotic and infectious diseases.

Working from infectious diseases from biosafety level 1 to 4 is something that's rare. That is what attracted me to come here. It makes you kind of feel like you're a NASA astronaut, a little bit, but you're just in the laboratory.

Laboratory animals can vary, from small rodents to as big as like agricultural animals such as cows and horses. Some people might not want to work with animals (laughing). Some people might not want to expose themselves to certain pathogens.

Working with animals is the 1st phase in a drug development where it's gonna help dozens of people, millions of people. It saves lives. And knowing that you have contributed to helping the population and possibly helping even your loved one, you've made a difference. That's the main thing. You helped make a difference. I am Capt. Brianna Skinner. And, I am CDC.